



Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine

International Academic Exchange Center

Visitor Guide 2019

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1. Housing

Unfortunately our university does not have a student dormitory. Assistance to find proper housing can furthermore not be guaranteed for all students. Making reservations and finding a guarantor will be the responsibility of the visitor. The rent of private housing depends on location, the length of stay and available services, and costs between 25.000 ~ 95.000 yen a month. Especially for short stays it can be difficult to find economical apartments. For more information please see [Kyoto Housing Search](#).

The list below contains guesthouses and hotels within 20 min. walking distance, accommodations for students / scholars and apartments.

Guesthouses

Guesthouse Stella Gosho
[Guesthouse Hyakumanben Cross](#)
[Earthship the Guesthouse](#)
[Guesthouse Tonbo](#)
[Guesthouse Waraku-An](#)

Hotels

KKR Kyoto Kuniso
[Kyoto Garden Palace](#)
[Kyoto Heian Hotel](#)
[The Palace Side Hotel](#)

Short and long term housing options

J-Stay	Flat shares
Kyoto Apartments	Monthly apartments
Oakhouse Kawaramachi	Monthly share house
Haus der Begegnung	International student dormitory
Mukaijima Gakusei Center	International dorm in suburb

Long term housing options

House Network	Apartment brokerage
Flat Agency	Apartment brokerage
UR	Semi-public suburban housing complexes

If you cannot find suitable accommodation near to the university, we advise you to look for a place with a good public transport connection to our university. When you know your address please inform your department and the International Academic Exchange Center. Also please inform us if you change your residence.

2. Registration

If you stay for longer than 3 months you will need to register at your local ward office (*Kuyakushō*). Please go within 14 days after your arrival and bring your passport and residence card with you. In case you move, also please report this within 14 days.

3. Insurance

We ask exchange students to make sure they are properly insured during their stay in Japan. If you stay for more than three months in Japan, you are required to enroll in Japanese Health Insurance. In order to enroll, please go to the health section at your local ward office, and bring your residence card and passport. If you move, please make sure to register this, or your insurance might not be valid.

- We advise foreign students to have additional insurance for repatriation in case of illness or injury.

- You are welcome to join sports and other recreational activities, please do note that unless stated otherwise injuries etc. are at your own risk.

4. Transport

Arrival

Students who will stay for longer than 3 months will receive a registration card when they arrive at Kansai International Airport. From the airport you can take the train (1h 15 min), or bus (1h 25min, 2,550 yen) to Kyoto station. Shared shuttle taxi's drop passengers of directly at their lodgings. Shuttle taxi's need to be reserved in advance. For more information please see the airport's [website](#).

Bus

Several [bus lines](#) stop right in front of the University Hospital. If you use the bus daily a monthly commuter pass might be a good option.

Subway

Subway Kitayama station is close to the university's Shimogamo Campus. Marutamachi and Imadegawa stations are about a 20 minute walk from the main campus.

For more information on the bus and subway, please see this [link](#).

Train

The Eizan and Keihan railway offer a good connection to the main campus. Just like the bus they offer commuter passes with discount.

At "[Hyperdia](#)" you can get more information on timetables, routes and prices of trains.

Bicycle

Many students use bicycles as a cheap and fast option to get through town. Throughout town there are shops selling second hand bicycles. It is obligatory to register your bicycle at purchase for a fee of 500 yen. Please make sure to keep your registration paper. In case of theft the police will look for your bicycle. The police may stop cyclists to confirm the registration of their vehicle. From April 2018 cyclists are furthermore obliged to have a liability or bicycle insurance.

Please make sure not to park your bicycle in areas which are banned for bicycle parking (near stations and on shopping streets). There is a large risk involved of having to go to a far of location to get your bicycle back for a hefty fee.

Finally, drunk cycling is prohibited and ill advised.

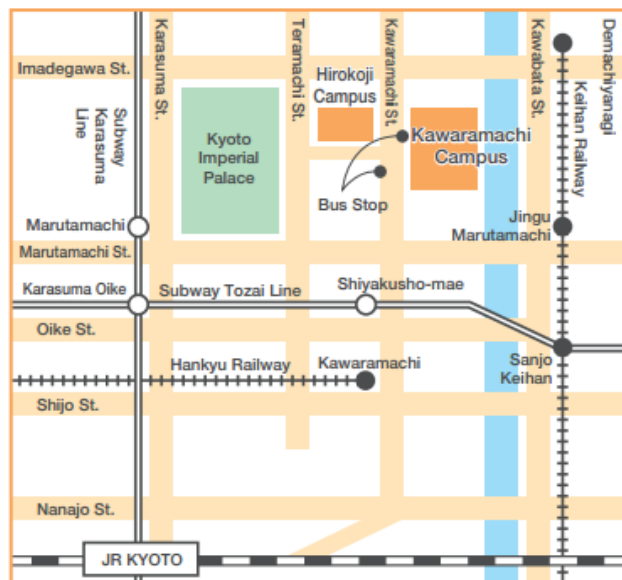
5. Campus Information

Kawaramachi and Hirokoji Campus

The Universities main facilities are located between the Kamo-river and Imperial Palace. The University Hospital, Clinical Research Building and Basic Medicine, and administrative offices are located at the Kawaramachi Campus. The School of Nursing and Library are located on the Hirokoji Campus.

Access The Kawaramachi and Hirokoji Campus are within walking distance from Demachiyanaagi and Jingu Marutamachi stations on the Keihan line. Marutamachi and Imadegawa stations on the subway Karasuma line, and Shiyakusho-mae on the Tozai line can be reached within 20 mnutes on foot. City buses number **3, 4, 17, 37, 59, 205** stop in front of the University Hospital.

Kyoto Station 25 min. ⇒ bus 4, 17, 205
Shijō Kawaramachi 15 min. ⇒ bus 3, 4, 17, 205
Sanjō Keihan 10 min. ⇒ bus 37, 59



Shimogamo Campus

The facilities at Shimogamo Campus are located within the premises of Kyoto Prefectural University. The premedical courses of the medical school take place here. And it is the location of, amongst others, the departments of biology and chemistry. The campus is a 7 minute walk from Kitayama Station on the Subway Karasuma line. Bus lines number 1 and 206 stop at the nearby stop, *Kyoto Furitsu-Dai Mae*.

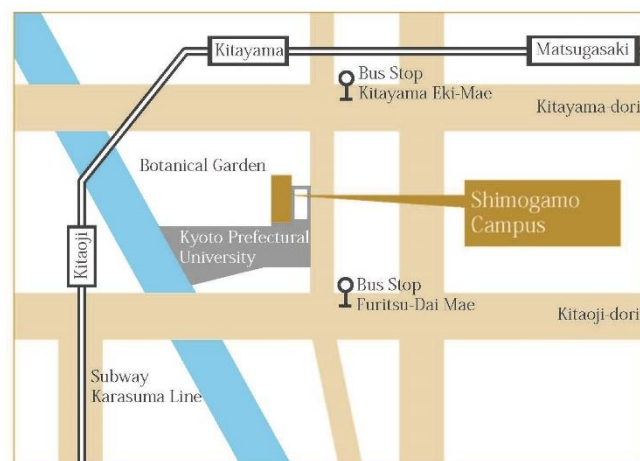
Facilities at Kawaramachi-Hirokoji

Library

The main [library](#) is located at the Hirokoji campus.

University COOP

The University Coop offers a number of services. The Pore Pore cafeteria is located in the basement of the Head Office and open during lunch time at weekdays. The campus shop at the 2nd floor of the administrative building has stationary, food, books, and offers travel arrangements and insurances. Members get a small discount.



6. Information on Daily Life

If you would like to have more information on the costs of living in Kyoto, possible scholarships and housing options we can recommend the following websites. -

[Study Kyoto](#) -[Study in Japan](#)

If you would like to know more about life in Kyoto and support for foreign residents please see the following websites or the “[Easy Living in Kyoto](#)” guidebook.

-[Kyoto Prefectural International Center](#)

-[Kyoto City International Foundation](#)

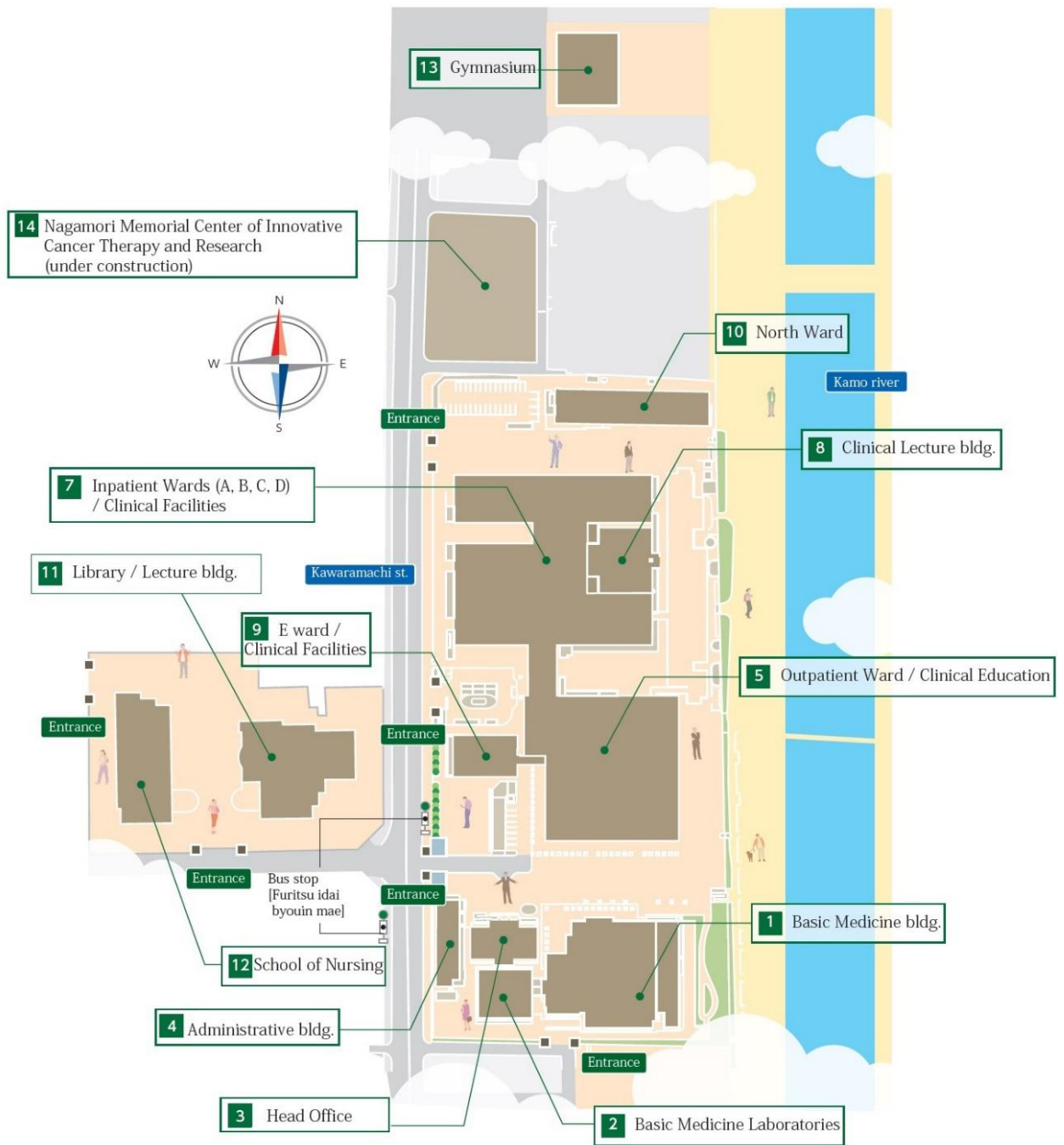
Natural Disasters

Japan is prone to natural disasters. If you want to know more about the risks for Kyoto and how to prepare for one, please see the “[Disaster Preparedness Handbook](#)” by Kyoto Prefectural International Center.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding administrative or practical matters you may contact the International Academic Exchange Center, we will do our best to assist you. For questions regarding the content of educational programs, please contact the department you belong to.

7. Kawaramachi and Hirokoji Campus Map



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